

**COMPUTER IMPLEMENTED METHOD OF GENERATING INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A computer implemented method of generating invention disclosure statements. The method of the present invention reduces the likelihood that a known prior art reference document will erroneously go undisclosed to a patent office by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent applications. Additionally, the method of the present invention simplifies and streamlines the tasks that must be carried out in order to comply with the various disclosure requirements of patent offices around the world. In one embodiment, the computer-implemented method of the present invention includes receiving a signal indicating that a user has identified an electronic document that contains reference information to be disclosed to a patent office, the reference information including information necessary for completing an invention disclosure statement ("IDS information"). The IDS information is stored in an electronic information disclosure statement, which may then be manually or electronically transmitted to a patent office.

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